

PRISONER 50 YEARS

JOHN WARREN'S FRIENDS WILL CELEBRATE IT DULY.

He Has Been in Wethersfield, Conn., a Jail Half a Century and Is Florist of the Institution—Twice Tried to Get Away.

Hartford, Conn.—A golden anniversary is being planned for the first time in the history of the state prison at Wethersfield, and is said to be the only celebration of the kind ever known in the country. John Warren, the prison florist, will celebrate his fiftieth anniversary as an inmate of the prison in December next.

Warren has just passed his seventieth birthday. Twice since he was taken prisoner for the murder of his girl wife he has made a dash for liberty, 30 years apart, and both times he failed. For ten years he has been the model prisoner of the institution and since he has had charge of the grounds and greenhouses of the prison he has never attempted to break jail.

Warren was the son of a Yankee farmer, Ziba Warren of Mansfield, and when a lad in his teens married Julia E. Towne of Belchertown, Mass., who had just passed her fiftieth birthday. Later he held her head under two feet of water until she drowned. There was another woman in the case.

While awaiting trial in the Tolland jail he escaped and an investigation resulted in the discharge of the jailer. For three months he lived in a hole dug under his father's barn. A threat to burn him out made him surrender. For 30 years he was a model prisoner. One night in August, 1886, he was missing at rollcall. Three days later a loose plank in the floor of one of the new shops pointed the way of escape of Warren. A passage was found under the floor and this led to an old airshaft, but no trace of the missing prisoner was to be seen.

As the investigating party were about to retrace their steps one of the number stepped back, remarking:

"Hold the lantern away and I'll empty my six shooter into the shaft."

"Hold on, don't shoot. I'll come out," said a weak voice in the dark hole. For three days Warren had lived in that shaft without water and with only the little food that he had stored in his pocket before his flight.

For the last few years Warren has developed a great love for his flowers. He knows all his plants and flowers by name and greedily reads all the books on botany that the state prison library affords. Occasionally he contributes a little article to the Monthly Record of the prison, in which he tells the other prisoners about his pet flowers. His conduct as a model prisoner entitles him to numerous privileges.

Some months ago Warren hoped to get out on reaching his seventieth birthday, but his petition to the board of pardons was refused and he settled down again, prepared to spend his last days in the only home he has known for the last half a century.

SALOON TO OFFSET SNAKES.

Men of Town Say Antidote for Poison Should Be Easy of Access.

Williamsport, Pa.—Tioga county has long been known as the home of the "bellbird," or rattlesnake. They are very common there, particularly on the huckleberry mountains, where parties go and camp several days at a time, gathering the big blue berries and laying in their winter supply of rattlesnake oil, a common household remedy.

There is a new mining town in Morris township, about ten miles south of the county seat, built by Aylesworth Bros. of Blossburg, and so frequently were these poisonous Tioga county "slingers" found in its construction and about the mines that the town has by common consent been called "Rattler."

There are rattlesnake stories told about the settlement of the place that make one's blood run cold—how a woodsman awoke and found one in bed with him, and another coming into a log stable at night slammed the door after him on account of a storm and a big yellow fellow was jarred off the beam over the door and dropped about his neck like a necklace.

A prosperous little town has grown up about these mines, and an enterprising citizen has applied for a whole sale license, against which there is said to be no remonstrance. Among the arguments advanced for the necessity of a license at "Rattler" it is said that the liability of the inhabitants to snake bites is so great that a plentiful supply of the never failing popular remedy as a preventive and cure is an absolute necessity. What weight it will have if made to the court is to be determined.

England's Navy Cheapest.

London.—Great Britain has the cheapest navy in the world, according to the report of Admiralty Secretary Robertson. It costs \$445 a ton. Russia's cost \$465 a ton. In ten years 1,132,295 tons have been added to the navy, while Russia, Germany and France together only added 1,108,230 tons. Two years hence Great Britain will have completed six new battle ships, including three of the Dreadnought class and three armored cruisers of the invincible class, while neither France nor Germany will have a single ship of those types completed.

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PLEASURE FOR AN EVENING.

Novel Idea in the Way of a Church Entertainment.

Here's a novel idea for a church entertainment which requires little preparation. A rustic bridge was built out from the stage, inclosing a square space that was used for a fish pond. Rocks and ferns were grouped along the edge of the stage, the floor was covered with green carpet, and a pretty meadow scene painted on coarse cotton was hung at the back of the stage, making a very picturesque setting for the pond, says the Cooking School Magazine. Steps led up to the bridge, and at the foot was a rustic lodge, where, on payment of a fee, the prospective fisher was given a pole and a circle of cardboard, upon which was marked the number of times he was entitled to fish. Thus equipped, he went up on the bridge and fished in the pond. Tickets were also sold by the bridge keepers. Refreshments were served, and there were candy and cake tables and two stalls where fancy articles were sold. One of these stalls bore the sign, "Fish Market." Here fish of many brilliant colors and quaint shapes were for sale; there were blotters, shaving cases, pin cushions and such things. On the cake table were many toothsome fishes—chocolate and clear candy fishes and boxes of candy decorated with water color and pen and ink sketches, also sandwiches cut out with fish-shaped tin cutters, also cookies and small loaf cakes. At intervals singing and tableaux may be given for variety.

FAMOUS CANALS OF CHINA.

Holland's Waterways—Outdone by the Celestial Empire.

Holland's canals are famous, but the canal system of China is far more marvelous and its value to the enormous empire is simply incalculable. No country in the world has more navigable rivers and canals than China. The network of waterways, natural and artificial, so covers the empire that almost as many people live upon the water as on the land. The Great canal, that wonder of the world, runs north and south from Canton to the extremity of the empire, and by this route the wares of all nations are carried to Peking, a distance of 825 miles. This canal is 50 feet wide; it passes through, or near, 41 large cities; it has 75 large sluices to keep up the water, and is spanned by thousands of bridges.

All the Difference.

Attorney General Hadley of Missouri condemned in an address at Topeka before the State Bar association, certain trust methods. "I am sure," he said, "that we all want to see laws enacted that will give a square deal to everybody. We want, all over the world, as little as possible of that thing which is exemplified in the anecdote of the Syracuse widow. She lost every cent she possessed through the peculations of some dishonest bank officials. In discussing the matter with her, a minister said, soothingly: 'The thieves will be punished, maybe. They're committed for trial.' 'Yes,' said the widow, 'they're committed for trial, it is true; and my child and I are condemned to hard labor for life.'"

Pontiac, Great Organizer.

Pontiac exemplified at once the best and the worst traits of the American Indian. As an organizer among a people with whom organization is almost impossible, and as a master of the treacherous statecraft of his race, he probably surpassed them all. As soon as his death was known, the French governor at St. Louis sent for his body and buried it with full martial honors near the fort. "For a magnanimous," Parkman finely says, "a great city has arisen above the forest here; and the race whom he hated with such burning rancor, trample with unceasing footsteps over his forgotten grave."—Outing Magazine.

Crowning Misfortune.

There is no greater misfortune than not to be able to bear misfortune.—Latin.

KEPT THEM BOTH BUSY.

Two Secretaries Here Too Many for Visitor to America.

At a supper given in Chicago several months ago, at which James K. Hackett and Henry B. Irving sat side by side, Irving said something about the American habit of writing to actors for autographs. Hackett replied that this reminded him of a story told him a number of years ago by Beer-bohm Tree, when the English actor was touring the United States. Tree had spoken as follows: "Do you know when I was about ready to come over here to the States I met Oscar Wilde, who asked me whether it was true that I was coming over. I told him that it was true. Wilde offered me some good advice, and one of the things he spoke of was the matter of autographs. He said: 'My dear Tree, if you go to America—to the States, you know, you must be sure to take along enough private secretaries. You want to take along at least four. You see, when I went over to the States I took only two, so that I could comply with the requests for my autograph and a lock of hair. One of these chaps wrote my autographs and the other provided the locks of hair. Now, what do you think, my dear Tree, before I had been over there a month one of those chaps was suffering from writer's cramp and the other was bald.'—Exchange.

MAKE HOMES FIREPROOF.

Precautions Now Taken in the Most Modest Dwellings.

Within the last few years the price of lumber has increased to such an extent that the fireproof home is no longer the expensive luxury it used to be. Now the man of modest means, even the day workman, can have a home as safe from fire as the palatial dwellings of the ultra-wealthy. Private residences recently built and now under construction in New York city show that it is becoming the practice to use the same fireproofing precautions in houses as in lofty hotels and skyscrapers. It seems that every owner is determined that his home shall not be swallowed up in flame and smoke. In Charles M. Schwab's house, at Riverside drive and Seventy-third street, Manhattan, there are more than 100,000 square feet of terra cotta hollow tile blocks in the arches, partitions and roof. In the new residence of Harry Payne Whitney, son of the late W. C. Whitney, at 972 Fifth avenue, in the same borough, there are some 40,000 square feet of fireproofing material. This is distinctly a departure in the construction of private dwelling houses.—Fire and Water Engineering.

Great Pigeon Cities in the Swamps.

Each spring, in May, all the rosy gulls of a wide region somehow agree to resort to a particular one of various marshy lakes for the purpose of rearing their young. Just how they decide this important question is not for us humans to know. At any rate, what they do select is a great area of grass, reeds, or rushes growing out of the water, and there, out of the abundance of dry stems, each pair builds a partly floating nest, side by side with others, thousands upon thousands of them. These great "cities" of the prairie pigeon present one of the most dramatic, spectacular sights in the bird-life of this continent, comparable in a way to the former breeding "roosts" of the real wild pigeons.—Herbert K. Job, in Outing.

She Was Taking No Chances.

Ian Maclaren, the noted novelist and clergyman, was talking in New York about traveling.

"Your baggage men here," he said, "are gentler than our English ones. Over there it is—but let me tell you a story."

"An Englishman said to a friend: 'Why don't you have your husband help you with your moving next week?'

"Oh, no," the other answered quickly: 'I wouldn't dare to. Jim, you know, is a baggage man on the railroad and very absent-minded. In the excitement he might forget and think he was handling baggage.'"

Wanted More Room.

A man who was doing his best to convince the world at large and himself in particular that he was perfectly sober, tried to purchase a theater ticket seat and was told that there was only standing room. He bought an admission ticket and made another one of the crowd standing up in the back watching the show. After a few minutes he returned to the window and gravely handed over another dollar. "Gimme 'nother standing ticket," he said thickly. "I want more room to see."—Joe Weber, in Bohemian.

Experience.

It was Sunday afternoon, and the infant class teacher was trying to impress the children with the beauties of the Garden of Eden. "But, children," she said, "there was one thing in the garden that Adam and Eve might not touch."

"I know," said a little boy, who had evidently had some previous knowledge of beautiful gardens; "it was poison ivy."—Harper's.

A Sardonic Definition.

"Father," said the small boy, "what is a scientist?"

"A scientist, my son, is a man who calls ordinary things by such long names that you can't recognize them."—Charge.

ADVICE TO RHEUMATICS

Noted Physician Tells How to Prevent and Cure Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

(By George Edmund Flood, M. D.)

If you would avoid Rheumatism and Kidney and Bladder Troubles be moderate in the consumption of heavy, rich foods, substitute as far as possible soups, broths, fresh milk, and drink water—lots of water. Take plenty of time to eat, and don't eat after you have had enough, even if it does taste good. If your work is confining take a moderate amount of exercise each day in the open air.

Of course, neither diet, water, rest, nor exercise will cure these afflictions. I advise them as preventives only. For the benefit of the readers of this article who are now afflicted with Rheumatism, Kidney, Bladder or Urinary trouble, and desire to be cured quickly I give below, complete in every detail, the famous prescription which has made me so successful in the treatment of these diseases. It is the most certain cure for these diseases that I have ever used. It is pleasant to take, it is not expensive, it can be filled by any druggist, and I believe it is the greatest prescription for Rheumatism, Kidney and Bladder Trouble ever written. It is also a valuable spring tonic and blood purifier. If you are a sufferer, save this, take it to your druggist and have it filled, or get the ingredients and mix them at home. Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic, 1-2 ounce; Concentrated Barkola Compound, 1 ounce; Fluid Extract Prickly Ash Bark, 1-2 drachm; Aromatic Elixir, 4 ounces.

Adult dose, take one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime; children, one-fourth to one-half teaspoonful after meals.

After you are cured follow the advice I have given you in regard to diet, exercise and water, and you will not need the services of a physician again for these ailments.

Other papers are privileged to copy.

IT MADE HER LAUGH.

Husband Could Not Tell Difference Between Sawdust and Oatmeal.

There was a worried look on the grocer's face as he rushed hither and thither up the steps of Acacia Villa and gave a nervous bell-pull says London Tit-Bits.

"I'm sorry to say there's been a slight mistake," he panted, as he wiped the perspiration from his forehead with the frayed end of his apron. "You ordered two pounds of oatmeal yesterday and by mistake my apprentice put up some sawdust that our grapes came packed in."

"Oh," replied the lady, "then my 'asban' must 'ave got through about art a pound o' wood for breakfast?"

"Course he did," was the reply.

"Then the lady leaned back on the doorstep and for three minutes indulged in a laugh that brought all her neighbors to the scene.

"Funny!" queried the grocer.

"Yes, funny. 'Er we've been married 13 years come 4th o' December, and George's never paid me a compliment till this mornin' at breakfast, when blest if 'e didn't pass up 'is plate for another go o' that sawdust, and told me it reminded 'im o' the porridge 'is mother used to make."

HAD MADE AN IMPRESSION.

Effect of Improvised Sleeping Accommodations on Weighty Senator.

Ex-Senator Billy Mason tells of a political campaign wherein he had been called upon by the state committee to take a part. When Mason arrived at his first town, where he was to deliver a speech the next day, he found that the two so-called hotels were crowded to the doors.

Not having telegraphed for accommodations, the Illinois man discovered that he would have to make shift as best he could.

He was compelled for that night to sleep on a wire cot that had only some blankets and a sheet on it. As Mr. Mason is a man of considerable avoirdupois, he found his improvised bed anything but comfortable.

"Well," asked the proprietor when the politician appeared in the morning, "how did you sleep?"

"Fairly well," answered Mason, "but I certainly looked like a wafle when I got up."

Not Labor Lost.

The safe bore a paper stating that there was nothing of value within. Nevertheless, the burglar blew the receptacle open, finding the statement correct. "Well," he remarked, gathering up his tools, "it's worth something to ascertain that there are still people who tell the truth."

The Actress Lady.

"Polly Pinktoes, the soubrette, celebrated her silver wedding yesterday." "Nonsense! She's not old enough to have been married 25 years." "Certainly not, but she was married for the twenty-fifth time yesterday."

Are Ready for the Haywood Trial.

Boise, Idaho, May 1.—Clarence S. Darrow, of Chicago, and E. E. Richardson, of Denver, attorneys for Mayor, Haywood and Pettibone, the men accused of the murder of ex-Gov. Steunenberg, announce that they are ready for the opening of the Haywood trial May 9. They state that no motion for another change of venue will be entered. Mrs. Haywood has arrived with her two daughters. She is an invalid and moves about in a chair. There was an interesting reunion between the members of the family in the court house grounds.

Refused to Endorse Hughes' Idea.

Albany, N. Y., May 1.—The judicial committee of the senate on Tuesday by a vote of 7 to 5 decided to report to the senate without recommendation as to the removal of Otto Kelsey from the office of state superintendent of insurance, recommended by Gov. Hughes on February 20. This vote involved the defeat of a resolution intended to make it the judgment of the committee "that the recommendation of the governor be concurred in."

Says No Faction Can Boss It.

Columbus, O., May 1.—Walter F. Brown, of Toledo, chairman of the republican state central committee, in a statement issued last night declared that no faction can control that committee.

Washington Court House Goes Dry.

Columbus, O., May 1.—At a local option election held at Washington Court House Tuesday the town voted against saloons by a majority of 151.

Alleged Car Thieves Are Arrested.

Fort Smith, Ark., May 1.—Baltimore & Ohio railway detectives here on Tuesday arrested George S. Shrock and Charles Elder, charged with being members of a gang of car thieves who escaped in February from Chicago Junction, O.

Coldest April in 26 Years.

Washington, May 1.—The month ending Tuesday was the coldest April in the last 26 years and within a degree of the coldest April ever experienced, according to the weather bureau.

THE MARKETS.

Financial.

New York, May 1.—Money—On call 2 1/2% per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 1/2% per cent. Sterling exchange at \$4.84 1/2 for demand.

Government bonds easy.

Grain, Provisions and Live Stock.

Flour—Dull.

Wheat—No. 2 red 87 1/2c.

Corn—No. 2 at 80 1/2c.

Oats—Choice white 50 1/2c.

Hay—Steady.

Cattle—No trading. Veals \$5.00@6.50.

Sheep—No trading.

Hogs—Yorkers \$7.25.

Cleveland, May 1.—Flour—Minnesota spring patent \$4.00@4.25.

Wheat—No. 2 red 81 1/2c.

Corn—No. 3 yellow 52 1/2c.

Oats—No. 3 white 47 1/2c.

Butter—Best creamery 29c.

Eggs—Strictly fresh 17c.

Chickens—York state 15 1/2c.

Potatoes—Choice white 48 1/2c@50c.

Hay—Best grades \$19.50.

Cattle—Choice steers \$5.60@5.75.

Calves \$6.50@6.75.

Sheep—Best wethers \$5.75@6.00.

Choice yearlings \$7.40@7.60.

Hogs—Yorkers \$6.85@7.00.

Chicago, May 1.—Wheat—May 78 1/2c.

Corn—May 49 1/2c.

Oats—May 45 1/2c.

Pork—May \$15.50.

Cattle—Beef \$4.20@4.50, heifers \$2.60@2.85.

Hogs—Choice to prime heavy \$6.55, pigs \$5.50@5.55.

Sheep—Steady at \$4.25@4.30, lambs \$6.50@6.75.

Toledo, May 1.—Wheat—Cash 81 1/2c.

Corn—Cash 50c.

Oats—Cash 45 1/2c.

Cloverseed—Cash \$9.25.

East Buffalo, May 1.—Cattle—Export steers \$6.40@6.00, fair \$4.75@5.00.

Sheep—Wethers \$6.00@6.35, spring lambs \$6.00@7.80.

Hogs—Yorkers \$6.95@7.00.

Pittsburg, May 1.—Cattle—Choice steers \$5.80@6.00, good \$5.25@5.50.

Sheep—Prime wethers \$5.90@6.10, spring lambs \$7.00@11.00.

Hogs—Yorkers \$6.90@6.95.

Brother and Sister in the Pen.

Columbus, O., May 1.—A brother and sister landed in the penitentiary together Tuesday. Both came from Coshocton county with two other criminals implicated in the same crime. The woman is Mrs. Alice Henry, who will serve three years for enticing a man up an alley while her brother, Lawrence Deal, and the two other men, James Castetter and John Potter, robbed him. Deal got four years, while Castetter and Potter each got six. Mrs. Henry's husband is now in the Columbus workhouse.

A Cocaine Seller Is Sentenced.

Cleveland, May 1.—The existence of an organized gang for furthering the cocaine traffic in Cleveland was discovered through the testimony in police court Tuesday of William R. Dixon, a colored man, charged with unlawfully delivering the drug to its victims. While admitting that there were others acting as middlemen between the druggist and the fiend, Dixon refused to tell their names or to testify against the druggist, and was fined \$50 and the costs by Judge Fiedler.

Only One School for Fools.

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.—Franklin.

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